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1. AS A GESTURE OF SUPPORT FOR THE U. S. BICENTENNIAL, LUXEMBOURG GOVERNMENT HAS SIGNIFICANTLY UPGRADED ITS PARTICIPATION THIS YEAR IN THE ANNUAL PATTON REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES AT ETTTELBRUCK. CEREMONIES WILL BE ATTENDED BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS GRAND DUKE JEAN. IN ADDITION, GOL PLANS TO USE OCCASION FOR THE FORMAL PRESENTATION OF A SYMBOLIC ACRE OF LUXEMBOURG SOIL CONTAINING THE PATTON MONUMENT TO THE UNITED STATES. IN VIEW OF THIS, EMBASSY HAS STEPPED UP ITS LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR THE CEREMONIES AND RECOMMENDS SUPPORT BY U. S. MILITARY BE CARRIED OUT IN MANNER APPROPRIATE TO RECOGNIZE BOTH ROYAL PRESENCE AND SYMBOLIC PRESENTATION.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, A COMBINATION OF FACTORS -- THE PASSING OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THE GRAND DUCHY, THE UNIQUENESS OF THE BICENTENNIAL, THE CONTINUING HEALTHY GROWTH OF GENUINE RECONCILIATION AMONG OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES AND OUR FORMER ENEMIES -- CLEARLY INDICATES THAT AT SOME FUTURE POINT OUR PROFILE IN THESE CEREMONIES SHOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCONSPICUOUSLY BUT STEADILY LOWERED. THEREFORE, IT IS OUR

RECOMMENDATION THAT USAREUR AND USAFE BE REPRESENTED THIS YEAR AT AS HIGH A LEVEL OF PROTOCOL AS SCHEDULES AND RESOURCES PERMIT, AND THAT THIS LEVEL THEN BE REDUCED SOMEWHAT FOR THE 1977 AND SUBSEQUENT ANNUAL CEREMONIES.

3. WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO MAXIMIZE REPRESENTATION BY U. S. MILITARY FORCES REGARDLESS OF RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS. RATHER, IT IS A RECOMMENDATION THAT A CLEAR FORWARD PLAN NOW BE ESTABLISHED TO PEAK THE U. S. PROFILE IN LUXEMBOURG'S WORLD WAR TWO COMMEMORATIONS DURING THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR AND SUBSEQUENTLY TAPER OFF.

4. REFTTEL (A) CONTAINED REQUEST FOR FLYOVER WHICH DID NOT APPEAR IN REFTTEL (B). IN VIEW OF ENVISIONED UPGRADED SUPPORT, RECOMMEND FLYOVER BE APPROVED FOR CEREMONIES ON SAME BASIS AS IN PAST YEARS AS DISCUSSED IN PLANNING SESSIONS APRIL 5 AND MAY 17 AT ETTTELBRUCK. PHILLIPS

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